

# STATE OF ILLINOIS



## ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

### **2020-2021 Winter Preparedness Policy Session**

**Location:** WebEx Video Conference | **Date:** November 18, 2020 | **Time:** 12:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

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#### **Background**

The Illinois Commerce Commission (Commission) will address winter preparedness by looking to representatives of regional transmission organizations (RTOs) and Illinois local distribution companies (LDCs) to assure Illinois customers that this year's winter energy demand will be met. The Office of the Illinois Attorney General (AG) and the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) will also present from an Illinois consumer/ratepayer perspective.

In particular, the Commission requests that participants address the following topics:

- The AG and CUB will discuss current and anticipated challenges facing Illinois customers and advance strategies to mitigate the observed challenges;
- The RTOs will discuss their readiness to satisfy electric reliability during the 2020-2021 winter months, and address how the COVID-19 pandemic impacts these efforts; and,
- The LDCs will discuss their readiness to satisfy the winter energy demand of Illinois customers, particularly as it relates to gas storage for the 2020-2021 winter months, and relatedly, what impacts the COVID-19 pandemic is having on gas production, storage, consumption, and costs.

#### **Agenda**

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| I.  | 12:00 — 12:15 | <b><u>Welcome Remarks</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Carrie Zalewski</b>, <i>Chairman</i></li><li>- <b>Michael Carrigan</b>, <i>Commissioner</i></li></ul>                 |
| II. | 12:15 — 12:25 | <b><u>Winter Preparedness Overview/Importance</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Ashley Renkor</b>, <i>Legal and Policy Advisor to Commissioner Michael Carrigan</i></li></ul> |

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| III.  | 12:25 – 1:00 | <p><b><u>Illinois Consumer/Ratepayers Advocates’ Perspectives</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Susan Satter/Christopher Kim</b>, Public Utilities Bureau, <i>Office of the Illinois Attorney General</i></li> <li>- <b>Julie Soderna</b>, General Counsel, <i>Citizens Utility Board</i></li> </ul>   |
| IV.   | 1:00 – 1:35  | <p><b><u>RTOs’ Perspective</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Bob Kuzman</b>, Regional Director Customer Affairs—Central Region, <i>Midcontinent Independent Systems Operator (MISO)</i></li> <li>- <b>Stephen E. Bennett</b>, Manager, Regulatory and Legislative Affairs, <i>PJM Interconnection (PJM)</i></li> </ul>   |
| V.    | 1:35 – 1:50  | Break  |
| VI.   | 1:50 – 2:40  | <p><b><u>Illinois LDCs’ Perspective</u></b></p> <p><u>Gas Supply/Operations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Michelle Carbone</b>, Manager Gas Supply, <i>Nicor Gas</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Customer Outreach</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Julie DeSalvo</b>, Manager Credit and Remittance Operations, <i>MidAmerican Energy Company</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Energy Efficiency</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Omayra Garcia</b>, Manager Energy Efficiency Programs, <i>Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas</i></li> </ul> |
| VII.  | 2:40 – 2:50  | Final Q/A  |
| VIII. | 2:50 – 3:00  | <p><b><u>Closing Remarks</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Sarah Cronin</b>, <i>Legal and Policy Advisor to Commissioner Michael Carrigan</i></li> <li>- <b>Carrie Zalewski</b>, <i>Chairman</i></li> </ul>  |

If you have a question you would like the panelists to answer during the policy session, please email your question in advance to [icc.publicaffairs@illinois.gov](mailto:icc.publicaffairs@illinois.gov).